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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

File No.: 972237 TAB

OFFENSE REPORT MURDER-SHOOTING (M1083) 0904

Date Entered ____
SYSIDNO ____
Date ____
Cancelled By

Day & Date of Offense: (on/from) Tuesday, Sept. 17, 19 74 Time 7:30AM To: Day & Date ____ 19 ___ Time ____

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th St. District 1

Reported by: GROMACKI, Harry Arthur Address 6975 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy. DOB ___ Phone 351-1482

Reported for: HIMSELF Address ____ DOB ____ Phone ____

Reported to: Dets. James Koepke & Douglas Paulos Dist/Bur D/B Day & Date Tuesday, Sept. 17, 19 74 Time 8:00AM

Complainant Employed at: self-employed - H & G Amusement Co. ~~2907~~ 2975 N. Buffum St Phone ____ Ext. ____

OFFENSE NARRATIVE: Above named victim was shot twice on the street by two unknown Negro males who were apparently attempting to hold him up while he was en route to service pool tables at the tavern, located at 501 W. North Ave.

Body by Patm. Fred Jesko & Donald Derge

THEFT OF AUTO: License: ____ State ____ Year ____ Type ____ No. of Plts ____ Color ____ / ____

Make ____ Year ____ Model ____ Style ____ Vin ____

Other means of identification ____

Doors locked ( ) Unlocked ( ) Keys in ignition ( ) Ignition off - but unlocked ( ) Other ____

Number Persons involved ( ) Amount Criminal Damage to Property $ ____ If WARRANT Issued No. ____

Property Insured By ____ Address ____ PAWN No. ____

QUAN.	TYPE OF PROPERTY	Detailed Description of Property Stolen or Lost	VALUE
	Victim	Conveyed by: Squad 57A-Days, Ptm. Hanson & Meyer	
		Conveyed to: County General Hospital.	
		Admitted at: 8:01AM, Sept. 17, 1974.	
		Injuries: 2 gunshot wounds - 1, upper left chest, 1, center, lower neck.	
		Pronounced DOE by Dr. ____ of Co. Gen. Hospital @ 8:01AM, Tue., 9/17/74.	
		Body conveyed to: County Morgue by Squad 57A.	
		16 Photo's of Scene By Sqd. 257 Pat. Henry Legwinski T.B.	

Daily Bulletin: ____ 19 ___ Item No.: ____ Signature of Complainant ____

Teletyped - MSG No.: ~~MWPD 949~~ MWPD 965 Day & Date Tuesday, Sept. 17, 19 74 Time 9:55AM & 10:15AM By Cpt. Hagopian

Teletyped to all DABs Cancelled Day & Date ____ 19 ___ Time ____ By ____

Checked & Reviewed at District by ____ Rank ____ Day & Date ____ 19 ___

Checked & Reviewed at Detective Bur. by Thomas Thelen Rank Sgt. Det. Day & Date TUES 9-17 19 74

Assigned at District to: _____ Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

Re-assigned at District to: _____ Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

Received by District Officers: _____ Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

Assigned at Detective Bureau to: Lt James Keefe (Homicide Bureau) Day & Date: Tuesday, 9-17-74 Time: 8:00AM

Re-assigned at Detective Bur. to: _____ Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

Received by Detectives: Tom Bundy Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

Complainant Re-Interviewed by: _____ Day & Date: _____ Time: _____

DAY & DATE: _____ Inspector of Detectives: Lt Woelfel

METHOD OF OPERATION: Place Street Object Apparently, money

How Gunshot Means Handgun Trademark _____

Type of safe _____ Location in building _____ How attacked _____

Detailed description of tools & equipment believed used _____

VICTIM: Color White Sex Male Age 59 DOB _____ Occupation Amusement Equip. operator

Remarks _____

TYPE OF PROPERTY	VALUE
1. Currency, notes, etc.	
2. Jewelry & precious metals	
3. Furs	
4. Clothing	
5. Locally stolen automobiles	
6. Miscellaneous	
TOTAL	

Property Inventory Nos. of evidence #446609 - items of victim's clothing & 45 rpm records

Disposition of evidence: at scene. #446612 - abandoned shoe found at scene, presumably left by suspect. # 445454 = .50 ¢ Money

Inv # 446614 - 22 cal Revolver Serial # 2016

Inv # 446618 - victim clothing

Inv # 446619 - 2 Bullets from victim body at autopsy

SUSPECT #1: ARRESTED 3:30 p	SUSPECT #2: Arrested 10:40 am	SUSPECT #3: ARRESTED 11:00 a
Name L , E F	Name H E G	Name W A S
Address 2506 N. 6th St.	Address 2432 N 6th	Address 521 N Lloyd
Color blk Sex male	Color blk Sex male	Color BLK Sex Male
Age 14 DOB	Age ~~17 to 18~~ 15 DOB	Age 13 DOB
Height 5'8" Weight 150	Height 5'8" Weight 150 to 160	Height Weight
Build med Complexion brn	Build slim Complexion dk	Build Complexion
Hair dk Eyes	Hair shorter, dk Eyes	Hair Eyes
Nationality	Nationality	Nationality
Marks, scars, deformities, amputations, etc.	Marks, scars, deformities, amputations, etc.	Marks, scars, deformities, amputations, etc.
Hat/Cap large-brimmed blk hat w/wht band	Hat/Cap	Hat/Cap
Attire	Attire	Attire
Pecularities	Pecularities	Pecularities
Transportation used	Transportation used	Transportation used

File No.: 972237 OFFENSE Murder

ADDRESS-WHERE OFFENSE OCCURRED: 2243 N. 5TH ST.

☐ OFFENSE SUPPLEMENT ☒ OFFENSE CLEARED ☐ PROPERTY RECOVERED Date 9-18 1974

Reported by Gromacki Harry

Reported for Himself Date Offense Reported

Address 6975 N. M.L.W. Riv. Parkway

PROPERTY RECOVERED: By Address Date

TYPE OF PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY RECOVERED	VALUE
1. Currency, notes, etc.		
2. Jewelry & precious metals		
3. Furs		
4. Clothing		
5. Locally stolen automobiles		
6. Miscellaneous		
	(Include property inventory no. in description)	TOTAL

AUTO'S RECOVERED: Location Date Time

Condition of auto

Owner notified by District Date Time

Auto taken to Date Time

By order of Rank Dist/Bur

Keys in ignition	☐	Tin-foil, metal, coin used	☐	Items stripped	☐	Inventory No.	
Ignition off but unlocked	☐	Doors locked	☐	Neighborhood checked	☐	Not driveable	☐
Ignition locked - no key	☐	Windows or doors open	☐	Involved in accident	☐	Motor was warm	☐
Jumper wire used	☐	Window forced	☐	Appears driveable	☐		

OFFENSE CLEARED: How cleared Investigation & Arrest Date 9-17-74

Original apprehension by: M.P.D. - Det. Rank Det. Dist/Bur D.B Date 9-17-74

ARREST #1:	B of I #: 140 900	ARREST #2:	B of I #: 12 573	ARREST #3:	B of I #: 140 776
Name E. B. L.		Name F. J. H.		Name A. W.	
Address 12502 N. 6		Address 2433 N. 6TH		Address 521 W. Lloyd	
Color B	Sex Male	Color B	Sex Male	Color B	Sex Male
Age 14	Birthdate	Age 15	Birthdate	Age 12	Birthdate
Height	Weight	Height	Weight	Height	Weight
Build	Complexion	Build	Complexion	Build	Complexion
Hair	Eyes	Hair	Eyes	Hair	Eyes
Nationality		Nationality		Nationality	
Marks, scars, deformities, amputations		Marks, scars, deformities, amputations		Marks, scars, deformities, amputations	
Etc.		Etc.		Etc.	Patrn.
Arrested by Det. BENTZ		Arrested by Det. ENK-Jacklin		Arrested by Det. Brash	
Charge 2nd. Murder & A. Robbery C C - 4 Yrs.		Charge 3rd. Murder & A. Robbery		Charge Murder & A. Robbery C.C.	
Disposition T O T -		Disposition T-O-T - CC		Disposition T.O.T. -	
Date of Disposition 9.26.74		Date of Disposition 9-26-74		Date of Disposition 9.26.74	
Total arrests made 3	Tab TAB	& Boys CH. 9-26-74			
		Thomas Brash Det.			Dist/Bur D.B.

Place STREET Object Robbery

How Revolver Means Shooting

TradeMark

Tools and equipment used in committing offense

Remarks

NOTIFICATION to COMPLAINANT of OFFENSE CLEARANCE: Made By Date Time

OFFENSE SUPPLEMENT or CASE SUMMARY

See show-ups & supp's for details regarding arrests of suspects.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT PH-3

DATE: Tues 9-18 1991 0056

TIME: 7:30 (AM) PM DIST. ONE

(FORWARD REPORT - DETECTIVE BUREAU)

X	HOMICIDE		
	SUICIDE		ATTEMPT

VICTIM: GROMACKI (Last Name) HARRY (First) ARTHUR (Middle)

SEX	RACE
MALE	WHITE

ADDRESS: 6975 N. Milwaukee River Parkway

AGE: 59 DOB:

MARITAL STATUS:							
SINGLE		SEPARATED		WIDOWER	
MARRIED	X	DIVORCED		WIDOW	

HEIGHT: 5' 9" WEIGHT: 200 BUILD: HEAVY

HAIR: Brown COMPLEXION: Med

SCARS - MARKS - DEFORMITIES:

CLOTHING WORN: Red (Blue check shirt, white T shirt, Brown Trousers (Brown Belt, Brown Shoes (Brown Socks)

NARRATION RESUME:

Victim was shot two times by three young negro males on the street in an apparent attempt Robbery

LOCATION OF CRIME:

On the street at 2243 N. 5th Street

PROPERTY ON PERSON (VALUABLES): Wallet, Keys (To Papers

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY: Held at Medical Examiner office INVENTORY NO. —

DESCRIPTION OF CRIME SCENE:

On the street

NATURE INJURIES: Three gun shot wounds; one to upper left chest, one to center of neck lower throat

METHOD USED TO COMMIT CRIME: 22 cal Revolver

WEAPON - INSTRUMENT USED: 22 cal 7 shot Imperial Metal Products Model #100 Serial # 2016

CONFISCATED BY: Det Eugene Bush

4.

WITNESSES

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
01 091 00059		
CHERNEY, Steven	248 E Keefe Ave	962-3246
COUBION, Dominy	2330 N 5th St	NONE
HARRIS, W. H. C	2336 N 5th St	562 3171

DEATH PRONOUNCEMENT BY:

DOCTOR: John Tolbert PLACE: Milwaukee County Gen Hosp.

TIME: 7:04 AM PM DATE: 9-17 1974

DISPOSITION OF BODY:

Held at Milwaukee County Medical Examiner office

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEDICAL EXAMINER ON CASE:

Doctor Krupa performed autopsy

PHOTOCOPY OF INVENTORY FROM MEDICAL EXAMINER: YES ☐ NO ☐

IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN DISPATCHED TO CRIME SCENE:

POLICE PHOTOS OF CRIME SCENE BY:

Sgt #297 Otto Lazarewicz 16 photos A area & 2 photos in alley 2243 N 5th

CHARTS OF CRIME SCENE BY: Det Thomas Bentz

CITY ENGINEER SCALED CRIME SCENE CHART BY: Michael Praeschel

PERSONS ARRESTED:

(1) H E I ✓ (2) N A J ✓

SUSPECTS:

J E A ✓

DISPOSITION:

REPORT MADE BY: Jerome Koepke RANK: Det DIST: BUR: Det

Det. Koepke; Paulos; Bruch; Beasley
Bentz; Jackson Harrell
Det. M. T. Thelen

MEMBER DETECTIVE BUREAU INVESTIGATING

REVIEWED BY:

NAME RANK

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE GATHERED & INVENTORIES & SOURCE:

91 021 0058

Inv# 446609 - Victim clothing and projectiles recovered at scene

Inv # 446612 - Shell casing recovered at scene

Inv # 446614 - .22 cal Revolver Serial # 2016

Inv # 446618 - Victims Clothing

Inv # 446619 - 2 Bullets from victims body at autopsy

TRANSMISSION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

WIS. CRIME LAB		F.B.I. WASHINGTON, D. C.		BUREAU OF LABS MILW. HEALTH DEPT.	

EVIDENTIARY ESCORT

DATE: 19 TIME: AM / PM - TURNED OVER TO -

BODY DISCOVERED BY:

NAME: Mr. Steven C. Herney ADDRESS: 248 E. Keefe

TIME: 7:30 (AM) / PM DATE: 9-17-74 19

REPORTED BY:

NAME: Mr. Steven C Herney ADDRESS: 248 E Keefe PHONE: 962-2246

TIME 7:13 (AM) / PM DATE: 9-17 19 74

REPORTED TO: Police Sgt Charles Hetzer

DIST. CAE RANK: Sgt.

BODY CONVEYED TO Milwaukee County Gen Hospital

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN Dr. John Tollock

MEANS OF CONVEYANCE Sq # 570 Hansen and Wayne

UNIFORMED PERSONNEL DISPATCHED TO SCENE:

Sq 570 ; Sq 16 ; Sq 17 (Sq 14

PLAINCLOTHES OFFICERS DISPATCHED TO SCENE: Sgt 18 Bentz; Sgt 19 Brick ; Sgt 23 Beasley

DETECTIVE BUREAU NOTIFIED BY: Chas. Hetzer (Name) Sgt (Rank) TIME: 8:00 (AM) / PM

RECEIVED IN DET. BUR. BY: Wayne Tarabek (Name) Det 1st (Rank) TIME: 8:00 (AM) / PM

SUPERVISORY OFFICERS ON SCENE: Lt 1st Thomas Thelen

NEXT OF KIN NOTIFICATION: (Wife) Eugene Granacki TIME: 9:30 (AM) / PM DATE: 9-17-74

BODY IDENTIFIED BY: (Common Law) James Jacobi

RECONSTRUCT CRIME, GIVING FULL PARTICULARS: 0057

On Tuesday September 17 1974 at about 7:30pm Victim a Mr Harry Lyonnadi w/m/59 a self employed Amusement machine operator for the A & R Amusement Co. parked his auto at 2239 S.E. 5th Street, got out of his auto and was going to service his amusement machine at Mr C's Toy located at 561 N. Hart Ave. just a short distance from where he parked his auto. After he got out of his auto and took 3 steps, he was approached by three unknown negro male adults displayed a hand gun and demanded money. Mr Lyonnadi struggled with the taller suspect and fell onto on of the suspects at this time the oldest youth used the hand gun which from victim, striking him many times. One gun shot went to the upper left chest area and the other gun shot went to the back of neck in the lower thoracic area. After victim was shot he attempted to get into the north door of Mr C's Toy at 2239 S.E. 5th St. While he was banging on the north door for help one of the suspects again attacked him and grabbed away from him the metal service tool and ran from the area north bound.

Suspects ran West from the area on N. Hart Ave. and were joined by a third negro youth.

STATEMENTS TAKEN BY: Lt Thom. Beatty : Eugene Brak

REPORTED BY:

Form PC 1

B. of I. No. ~~3[illegible]~~ 140900 as ~~LEWIS, Eugene Bernard (Negro)~~ Date SEP 17 1974 Time 3:35 PM

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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REPORT OF PRISONER TAKEN TO DETECTIVE BUREAU

Name of prisoner Li (Last Name), E (First Name) B (Middle Name)

Aliases

Date of arrest Tues-9-17 1974 Time 2:30 P.M. Where arrested Det. Bureau

Occupation STudent Employment Roosevelt Marital status Single

Age 9/14 Date of birth ____ Home address 2502 N. 6TH ST.

Name of complainant HARRY GROMACKI Address 6975 No. Milw. Riv. PK

Charge Armed Robbery & MURDER On Parole ( ) Probation X (Burg., & Auto.)

Detailed account of offense

ON Tues. 9-17-74 at 1:30 A.M. Subject Shot & Killed HARRY GROMACKI at 2243 N. 5T during an Armed Robbery on the STreet

#20976 #24584

Arresting officers Det. THOMAS BENTZ & WM BEASLEY (Beasley, Beaty, Searcher) Dist-Bur D.B Shift Days

Interviewed at District Station by: ~~searched~~ by: Date: 19 Time M.

Interviewed at Detective Bureau by: Thomas Bentz Sr Date: 9-17 1974 Time 5:17 P.M.

Checked at Detective Bureau, Clerical Division by: Joanne Augustynowicz Date: 9-17 1974 Time 8:30 P M.

NCIC & LESD CHECKED FOR: NAME ☐ FIREARM ☐ VEHICLE ☐

Information NCIC DOWN

Showup - Detective Bureau by: Date: 19 Time M.

Final Charge - Disposition Case # 95718 - Plead Guilty - Armed Robbery & 2nd Degree Murder

Date of Disposition 9-26 1974 Time M. Judge Manian

Name of officer handling case in Court Det. BENTZ

If released, Administrative Officer authorization: Date: 19 Time M.

Release slip signed Yes ( ) No ( ) Amount paid $

Fugitive received by Department/Institution City-State Date: 19 Time M.

Firearms involved Make: Caliber: Serial No. Inventory No.

Automobile involved Make Where held Lic. No. Ident No. Inventory No.

Evidence Inventory Nos.

Communications to Authorized by Date: 19 Time M.

STATEMENT OF PRISONER

Tues. 9-17-74 - 2:40 pm. at Det. Bur. Room # 412
Subject advised of his Const. Rights & repeated them to us. He stated he wanted to tell us he killed a man today, & he didn't want to run & take a chance of getting shot.
He related the following story. States he went over to F. H. C/m. 16 at 2433 N. 6 & talked about pulling a robbery along with a a W. C/m. 13. They were going to rob Mr. C's Tavern but when they got there they saw the Juke Box man getting out of his auto crept to the Tavern. He & Did let's rob him, pulled his gun & stated, "STick-up" The Man started running for the side door of the Tavern & he & H tried to get the Box & The man swung at them & he & shot at him (3) Three Times causing him to fall down. H took the box & gave it to & a WM's stood on the corner & watched. They all ran & he threw the gun away at N. 7 & G W. North Ave. & went back to H's house & changed clothes. States he got the gun two (2) days ago for $10.00 from a fairy Verser (phonetic) on the street

Interviewing officer to furnish his name & rank and the date & time of the interview.

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT Det. Thomas Bent
Det. WM Beasley

FPC: _____

4/50 - Negative - Record of subject conducted. Case still open as done by. Any other crimes at this time. Still to be subpoenaed on 3 days and did not pull any other robberies in vicinity.

Record on File B of I/III

Det. Wm. Beasley

Date: SEP 17 1974 19__ Time 3:45 P.M.

Walter Johnson
Dep. Insp. Bureau of Identification

WCF/mp

121573

B. of I. No. 121573 as HARRIS, Frank James N/M Date SEP 17 1974 Time 12:50 P. M.

Form P C

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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REPORT OF PRISONER TAKEN TO DETECTIVE BUREAU

Name of prisoner H. F. J. (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Aliases "Cooney"

Date of arrest TUES 9-17-1974 Time 10 49 A M. Where arrested 2433 N. 6 ST.

Occupation STUDENT Employment ROOSEVELT JR. HIGH Marital status

Age 15 Date of birth Home address 2433 N. 6 ST.

Name of complainant GROMACKI, HARRY A. Address 6975 N. MILWAUKEE RIVER PKWY

Charge MURDER 1ST (PTAC) 940.01 & 943.32 - ARMED ROBBERY (PTAC) On Parole ( ) Probation ( )

Detailed account of offense Subject in company of a Eugene Lewis and Adrian Scott Williams attempted to rob the victim. The victim was then shot once in the chest and once in the neck

Arresting officers Det Thomas Jackson & Ronald Cole #5 Dist-Bur D.B. Shift DAYS

Interviewed at District Station by: #1 Det Thomas & Det Cole Booked-searched by: Det Thomas & Det Cole Date: 9/17 1974 Time 12 30 P M.

Interviewed at Detective Bureau by: D.B. Bentz Date: 9-17-1974 Time 12 35 P M.

Checked at Detective Bureau, Clerical Division by Joanne Augustyniewicz Date: 9-17 1974 Time 12:40 P M.

NCIC & LESD CHECKED FOR: NAME ☑ N/W FIREARM ☐ VEHICLE ☐

Information He pres for Armed Robb.

Showup - Detective Bureau by: Date: 19 Time M.

Final Charge - Disposition Case # 8395 - Plead Guilty → Felony Murder - 3rd Deg

Date of Disposition 9 26 1974 Time M. Judge Ramon

Name of officer handling case in Court Det. BENTZ

If released, Administrative Officer authorization: Date: 19 Time M.

Release slip signed Yes ( ) No ( ) Amount paid $

Fugitive received by Department/Institution City - State Date: 19 Time M.

Firearms involved Make: Caliber: Serial No. Inventory No.

Automobile involved Make Where held Lic. No. Ident No. Inventory No.

Evidence Inventory Nos.

Communications to Authorized by Date: 19 Time M.

STATEMENT OF PRISONER

9-17-74 we interviewed the subject in the Det Assembly after advising him of his Constitutional Rights which he stated he fully understood. States he was born in Jackson, Miss. Came here 4 yrs ago. Is in the 9th grade at Roosevelt Jr. High. Lives with his parents.

Re: offense states that on Mon (9-16-74), he, [redacted] and [redacted], talked about robbing Steve at Mr. "C"'s Tavern. This date states that Eugene came to his house and woke him, telling him that they were going to rob Steve. Adrian then came to his home and all three left and went to rob Steve. When they got there Steve was locked in the tavern. A Gray Van pulled up. Eugene stated he rob him. The man got out of the car with a bag. Eugene told him, "Hold it, put your hands on top of the car. The man kept going and Eugene tried to get the bag away. They began struggling for the bag. The man broke loose and grabbed him. Eugene fired a shot in the air. When the man grabbed him Eugene shot the man. They again struggled for the bag and dropped the gun. He got the bag and started running west on North Ave. Frank followed him and Eugene told him to go back and get the gun. He kept going and when he got home Eugene was already there. Eugene changed clothes, made a phone call and left.

Interviewing officer to furnish his name & rank and the date & time of the interview.

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT

Dets Thomas Jackson + Ronald Enk
Lg 05 Days

FPC: _____

Juvenile record on file.

Date: Tues., SEP 17 1974 19__ Time 1:20 P. M.

WF/jtm

Walter Fuhrman
Bureau of Identification

JUVENILE

Form PC 1

B. of I. No. 140776 as WILLIAMS, Adrian Scott (Negro) Date SEP 17 1974 Time 2:30PM

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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REPORT OF PRISONER TAKEN TO DETECTIVE BUREAU

Name of prisoner Williams (Last Name) Al (First Name) Scott (Middle Name)

Aliases "TASTY"

Date of arrest Tues. 9-17- 1974 Time 11:00/A M. Where arrested 800 West Walnut St. (Roosevelt Jr. High)

Occupation Student Employment Roosevelt Jr. High School Marital status

Age 12 Date of birth. Home address 521 West Lloyd Street

Name of complainant Godlewski, Henry Arthur Address 6975 No Milwaukee River Parkway

Charge Murder (PTAC); Armed Robbery (PTAC) 940.01 (939.05) 943.32(2) (939.05) On Parole ( ) Probation (X) Sentenced 1-21-75 & Dism

Detailed account of offense On Tuesday, September 17, 1974 at 7:30/m the above named subject along with a H/M J. Jones and a L/M E. Co - of 2502 No 6th St. robbed the complainant at gun point, and during the robbery the suspect Es A. shot the complainant to death during the commission of the robbery. The items taken in the robbery, a metal box containing various tools, were later recovered. Subject was later arrested at Roosevelt Jr. High School 800 W. Walnut St and advised of his Constitutional Rights

Arresting officers M. Lewandowski & L. Segrowski

Dist-Bur FIVE Shift LATE

Booked-searched by: Michael A. Lewandowski

Interviewed at District Station by: Lt. Carl Hanneman #1 Date: Tues. 9-17 1974 Time 11:30/A M.

Interviewed at Detective Bureau by: Capt. J. Lezynski Date: 9-17 1974 Time 1:52 P.M.

Checked at Detective Bureau, Clerical Division by: [illegible] Date: 9-17 19 74 Time 2 P.M.

NCIC & LESD CHECKED FOR: NAME [X] N/W FIREARM [ ] VEHICLE [ ]

Information Not Wanted

Showup - Detective Bureau by: Date: 19 Time M

Final Charge - Disposition Cases dismissed - Judge Marian -

Date of Disposition 9-26 1974 Time 3:15 PM. Request by D.A. Donahoe

Name of officer handling case in Court Det. BENTZ Lack of Evidence

If released, Administrative Officer authorization: Date: 19 Time M.

Release slip signed Yes ( ) No ( ) Amount paid $

Fugitive received by Department/Institution City - State Date: 19 Time M.

Firearms involved Make: Caliber: Serial No. Inventory No.

Automobile involved Make Where held Lic. No. Ident No. Inventory No.

Evidence Inventory Nos.

Communications to Authorized by Date: 19 Time M.

9-14-74 12:40 P.M.

STATEMENT OF PRISONER

Advised subject of Constitutional Rights. States he understands & knows he does not have to say anything but wants to tell the truth because he was not involved. States he met Frank Harris at his house 2433 N6 along with E & F. While at Franks house he heard F. & E talking about robbing Mr. C's Tavern 5 & North. The two of them left & he tagged along. Before leaving the house A observed the pistol laying on the living room table & picked the pistol up & looked at it. E. then took the pistol & put it in his pocket. the three walked to Mr. C's Tavern & stood around waiting for the tavern to open. A walked across the ~~street~~ & stood on the S. E. corner & watched to see what would happen. A then saw an old white man pull up in a Queen car by the back door of Mr. C's Tavern. E & F. walked up to the old man as he was getting out of the car. E. pointed the pistol at the man & said "Give me the bof". The old man swung at F. & F & ducked. F was then grabbed by the shoulder & E. told the man to let go of F. E. then shot the man 3 times. the man ran to the back door of the tavern (Mr C's) & started pounding on the door yelling Steve - Steve. E & F. ran up to the guy & E. tackled the old man from the back & pulled him down to the ground. F. then took the bof away from the old man & both ran West on W. North Ave. W. Beasley det Sgt 123 9-17-74 12:30 P.M.

Interviewing officer to furnish his name & rank and the date & time of the interview.

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT

FPC: _____

Record on File B of I/

Date: SEP 17 1974 19__ Time 2:55PM.

WCF/mp

Walter Fuhrman
Dep. Insp. Bureau of Identification

DATE Sept 7, 1974

TIME 3:50 PM

PLACE Det. Bureau
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I Eugene Lewis, make the following statement of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made. I declare that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have been advised of my Constitutional rights. I know I may remain silent, and I fully understand that what I say may be used against me in a court of law; that I may terminate my interrogation anytime I so desire; that I have a right to call an attorney, and if I am without funds, an attorney will be appointed to represent me. Further, I understand that I may have this attorney present when I am questioned regarding this matter, if I so desire.

My full name is Eugene Bernard Lewis

I am 14 years of age. My date of birth is _____

My home address is 7502 N 65st

Extent of Education 9th

Custodial Officer at Time of Interrogation _____

Arresting Officers This morn about 7:30 AM I Shot a man I have a freind with me But I Shot him. My freind is F. H. We were planning on Robbing Mac's But this man came and I decided to robbed him.

WITNESSES _____

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I [redacted], make the following statement of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made. I declare that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have been advised of my Constitutional rights. I know I may remain silent, and I fully understand that what I say may be used against me in a court of law; that I may terminate my interrogation anytime I so desire; that I have a right to call an attorney, and if I am without funds, an attorney will be appointed to represent me. Further, I understand that I may have this attorney present when I am questioned regarding this matter, if I so desire.

My full name is [redacted]

I am 14 years of age. My date of birth is [redacted]

My home address is 7502N 65st

Extent of Education 9th

Custodial Officer at Time of Interrogation [redacted]

Arresting Officers This moring about 7:30Am I shot a man I have a freind with me But I shot him. My freind is Fr H. We were planning on Robbeing macs But this man came and I decided to robbed him

WITNESSES Thomas Bent
Wm Beasley

Date 9-17- 1974

Time 2:55 pm.

SIGNED [redacted]

Date SEPT 17 1974

Time 2:55 PM

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Detective Bureau

REPORT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 19 74

In the matter of MURDER - VICTIM: GROMACKI, HARRY A., W/M, 58 YEARS, OF
6975 N. MILWAUKEE RIVER PARKWAY

To LEO WOELFEL

Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

On Tuesday, September 17, 1974, shortly after 7:30AM, the victim, Harry A. GROMACKI, drove his auto to "Mr. C's Tavern", 501 W. North Ave. Mr. GROMACKI, who is the owner of the "H & G Amusement Co.", 2975 N. Buffum St., was going to the described location to service the juke box in the tavern.

The victim parked his auto, a 1973 Oldsmobile sedan, green in color, Wis. Lic. B93-709, on N. 5th St., west side of the street, next to the tavern, 50 feet south of W. North Ave. As he stepped from his parked auto onto the roadway, he was approached by two young black males. One of the suspects pointed a small handgun at the victim, and the two young black males began struggling with the victim in an attempt to take a metal box carried by Mr. GROMACKI. The armed suspect fired the handgun at the victim four times. The victim was struck by two of the bullets, one to the upper left chest and the other, to the center of the lower neck area.

The victim fell face downward onto the sidewalk. The suspects pulled the metal box from the victim's hands, then fled north on N. 5th St. When they reached the corner of N. 5th St. and W. North Ave., the two suspects were joined by a third young black male. All three then ran west on W. North Ave., from N. 5th St.

The victim, Harry GROMACKI, was conveyed to Milwaukee County General Hospital and admitted at 8:10AM, date. The victim was pronounced dead-on-entry by Dr.

The body of the victim was then conveyed to and is presently at, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. The following Detective Bureau personnel were assigned to the investigation:

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1) Squad 165, Det. Lt. Thomas Thelen

2) Squad 105, Dets. Ronald Enk and Thomas Jackelen

3) Squad 119, Det. Eugene Brah

4) Squad 118, Det. Thomas Bentz

5) Squad 123, Det. William Beasley

6) Squad 124, Det. Leroy Jackson and Det. Roosevelt Harrell

7) Squad 111, Dets. Douglas Paulos and James Koepke.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of 3 juveniles on charges of murder and armed robbery.

The first arrest was of F J. H. B/M, 15 years, , of 2433 N. 6th St. This suspect was arrested in his home at 10:40AM, this date.

The second suspect, A Sc W. , B/M, 12 years, , of 521 W. Lloyd, was arrested on the playground of Roosevelt Junior High School, at 11:00AM, this date.

The third suspect, E B I ,B/M, 14 years, of 2502 N. 6th St., surrendered at the Detective Bureau at 2:30PM, this date.

All three suspects admit participation in the robbery and murder. E L admits firing the gun in question.

A search of the area in the vicinity of 6th and North Ave., resulted in the recovery of the metal box and two hats and jackets, discarded by the suspects L and H

A further search resulted in the recovery of a .22 caliber revolver next to the laundromat on the southeast corner of N. 6th St. and W. North Ave. The revolver contained 4 expended cartridges and ~~two~~ THREE live rounds.

The three juveniles are being held on charges of murder and robbery charges and are being held at Milwaukee County Children's Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Thelen

Milwaukee Police Department

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF OFFENSE

1st DISTRICT
Received SEP 17 1974
Date 9-17-74 SIG. & RANK

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File No. _____ 1974

OFFENSE Murder Date Offense Reported 9-17-74

Reported by: Gromacki, Harry w/58 Address 6975 No. Milwaukee River Parkway

Reported for: Himself Address " " " "

Address where offense occurred: 2243 No. 5 St. Date of Offense 9-17-74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday, 9-17-74, At 7:45 A.M., We Checked For The Possible Suspect, Vicinity Of No. 5th. & W. North. Description Of Suspect Was Broadcasted Over The Police Radio. Upon Checking Rear Of 2231 B. No. 6th. St., App. 8:30 A.M., We Found A Black Superfly Hat With A White Board Band. A Further Check Of The Alley, Disclosed A Blue Metal Box, Containing Tools, The One That Was Stolen From The Deceased. This Was Found On Top Of A Garbage Can, Located West Of 618 W. Garfield Ave. The Hat, Apparently The Suspects, Was Found In A Dumpster, Sg. 123 Det. Beasley Was Dispatched To The Scene. A Picture Car Also Was Dispatched. Pictures Were Taken, Property Was Turned Over To The Detective Bureau.

We Further Checked Neighborhood, And Interviewed Below Named Persons, With Negative Results. Jessie Carwell col./35 Of 2228 B. No. 7 St. — Rosie Russell col./25 Of 2214 No. 6 St. — D. J. Conway col./28 Of 2220 No. 7 St, And Father Willie col./73. Marie Taylor col./30, 621 W. North — Gloria Evans col./33 Of 619 W. North — Luebertia Taylor col./42 Of 621 W. North — Willie Smith col./22 Of 620 W. Garfield — Freida Wilson col./33 Of 2214 A. No. 7 St. Pete. L Ammerman D. Staszewski

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OFFENSE MURDER Date Offense Reported 9-17-74

Reported by: GROMACKI, HARRY Address 6975 N. MILWAUKEE RIVER PKWY

Reported for: HIMSELF Address _____

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5 ST Date of Offense 9-17-74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday September 17, 1974 at about 8 20 am We were dispatched to 6th & North to assist Sq 16 make a search of yards and homes for suspects in Holdup Murder of Harry Gromacke.

Interviewed W/M of 2236 95th who stated at about 7 30 am I was in my kitchen making breakfast when I heard one shot, before I got to my front living room window, there were two more quick shots, when I looked out the window I observed two black teenagers struggeling with the man who fell to the sidewalk, they attempted to turn him over and failed and then fled around the corner west on North ave, a black male unknown to me, bent down near the body and then walked back around the corner on North ave towards 6th St and then Inv C came out of the tavern and saw what had happened and went back into the tavern.

Also interviewed Hattie Cooper F/C of 2228 95th.

HCL

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

Who stated When I heard the shots I went to the front window and saw the man laying on the sidewalk, I went over to him and attempted to get him up from the sidewalk, but failed by this time there were several other people standing around the body and I left when the Police came

On instructions from Det. Thomas Benz We planted on Subjects auto until his Son-in-Law James C. Jacobi M/M of 3277 N Bremen Street telephone # 374-0183 a Fox Point Policeman came at 11:30 am and took Custody of the Car from us and signed a release for Inventory #445433

Det John Fodde
Fred Bohlmann
2 @ 14 Days

1st DISTRICT
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File No. _____

Date TUES 9/17 1974

OFFENSE Murder

Date Offense Reported TUES 9/17/74

Reported by: Gromacki, Harry

Address 6975 N. Milwaukee River Parkway

Reported for: Himself

Address Same

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th St

Date of Offense 9/17/74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday, 9/17/74, at 7:40 AM, while on squad 95R, Ptm Fred Yesker and myself, Ptm Donald Derge, monitored a radio call for an ambulance and a squad to investigate a shooting a N. 5th St and W. Center St.

Upon our arrival we observed the victim face down, with the upper half of his body between the sidewalk and curb, the lower half on the sidewalk area with his head pointing in an easterly direction.

The ambulance squad 57A was on the scene and they conveyed the victim after my partner, Ptm Yesker, chalked the perimeter of the body.

I interviewed the following person at the crime scene. He was Willie (nmn) Cooper N/m # 264-2951 of 2228 N. 5th St, who is presently unemployed. He stated he was in his house

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Address 6975 N. Milwaukee River Parkway

Reported for: Himself

Address Same

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th ST

Date of Offense 9/17/74

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at about 7:35 AM, 9/17/74, when he heard three (3) shots. He said they were loud. He stated he didn't look out the window immediately, but put some clothes on, then he went outside. He said that the time between the shots and when he got outside was two or three minutes. When he did get outside he didn't see any suspects. He said he didn't know the victim.

I questioned other bystanders but they stated they came upon seeing the crowd and the squad cars to see what was going on.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Berge Atm 40263

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OFFENSE MURDER Date Offense Reported TUES. SEPT. 17, 1974

Reported by: GROMACKI, HARRY Address 6975 N. MILWAUKEE RIVER PKWY.

Reported for: HIMSELF Address SAME.

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5 ST. Date of Offense TUES. SEPT. 17, 1974

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday September 17, 1974 at approx. 7:40 a.m. we, Pctm. Frederick & Jesko, Pctm Donald Derge, monitored a dispatch over squad radio (95R LATE) that there was a shooting at 501 W. North Ave. Squad 57A days was sent to convey and sqd 14 to investigate. We were patroling in 95R around 17th and North Ave and also responded. Squad 58 Pctm. M. Lewandowski and L Igerbowski were at the scene when we arrived a few minutes later. As we approched the scene which was around the corner at 2243 N. 5th St. I Pctm. Jesko observed a white male laying face down, partially on the sidewalk and partially in the area between the sidewalk and curb. His head was in the dirt face down and there was blood in the dirt around and under the head area. I also observed a half dollar on the sidewalk next to the body. There was also a pair of glasses (metal rim) next to the head. There was a shoe lying next to the body which was tan and brown suede. The shoe laces were tied and there appeared to be spots of blood on it. I checked the body for life signs by checking for a pulse and found none. His skin was cold. I immediately chalked the body with chalk & had

INV. #45454

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File No. ____/

Date TUES SEPT. 17, 1974

OFFENSE MURDER-

Date Offense Reported TUES SEPT 17, 1974

Reported by: CHOMACKI, HARRY

Address 6975 N. MIL. RIVER PKWY.

Reported for: HIMSELF

Address SAME

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th ST.

Date of Offense TUES SEPT 17, 1974

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

with me. 57A days arrived and conveyed the body. I interviewed the following who was standing by the body at the scene: STEPHEN LUKE CHERNEY W/M of 248 E. KEEFE AVE. Ph. 962-2406 He identified himself a the agent for the tavern at 501 W. North Ave. "MR C's TAVERN" Ph. 372-6160. He stated that he was in the tavern when he heard 3 or 4 shots comming from the 5th street side of the tavern (outside). He run to the side door and looked out the window and saw his friend the above victim laying on the sidewalk facing East. He saw 2 negro males and described #1 as 5'8" 150-160 LBS and about 18 yrs old. He stated he was wearing a black jacket and a black wide brimmed hat with a white band around it. There was another negro male with him but couldnt give a discription. They ran North from the body, on 5th street.

Mr. Cherney stated that he may be able to get the name of one of the suspects but had to describe him to the bartender who works at Mr. C's. He said the bartenders name is Sam Harris of 607 W. North ave Ph. 562-1713. Mr Cherney made the phone call in my presence and when he hung up

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OFFENSE Murder - Date Offense Reported Tues Sept 17, 1974

Reported by: GROMACKI, HARRY Address 6975 N. Milw. River Pkwy.

Reported for: Himself. Address Same.

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5 St. Date of Offense Tues Sept 17, 1974

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

related the following. He stated he talked to "Sam" Harris and described the one suspect to him. Sam replied that the description sounded like a person named "LuGene" - last name unknown. But that LuGene is a good friend of a boy who lives at 2336 N. 6 St. and this boys father name is George Harris. I broadcast this information over the squad radio to all squads.

The detective bureau arrived and took charge.

While I was guarding the crime scene at the corner of 5 St and North a bus driver stopped his bus and approched me. He identified himself as ROBERT C. HAFERKAMP W/m of 4617 C. W. Bluemound Rd. Ph. 771-9356. He is a city of Milw bus driver and stated that as he was carrying passengers on his bus about 7:30 to 7:45 a.m date he observed a negro boy 17- to 19 yrs old run from the scene north to Northave and west and south on N. 6 St St. He further describe the youth as wearing all black clothes and a big black hat.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pltm. Frederick C Jeske 95R Late

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Date 9/17/74 19____

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Reported by: GROMACKI, Harold Arthur Address 6975 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy.

Reported for: HIMSELF Address _____

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th St. Date of Offense 9-17-74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On this date, Det. Leroy Jackson and myself, Det. Roosevelt Harrell, attempted to locate the accused assassin of Harry Gromacki, E I , B/M, 14. We searched the residence of a cousin at 3054 W. Fond du Lac Ave. with negative results. We also searched the residence at 4010A N. 6th St., which is the residence of a brother. We also searched at 2433 N. 6th St. There we recovered a brown suede shoe, which supposedly belonged to E L , and also a pair of gray trousers, which supposedly belonged to the suspect. These items were put on Inventory No. 446616. Our investigation is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Roosevelt Harrell - Leroy Jackson

Detectives, Squad 124-Days

RH:plf 9/17/74

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Reported for: HIMSELF Address

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case: On Tuesday, September 17, 1974 at approximately 8:30 a.m. we were sent to assist with the investigation of the shooting, N. 5th and W. North Av. Upon our arrival a description was given us of the suspects involved in the offense. This suspect fit the description of a party that was involved in a previous offense in that area, one Frank James HARRIS. We immediately went to the home, 2433 North 6th Street, where after advising the subject of his Constitutional Rights, he was advised of the offense and questioned regarding same. He stated that on Monday, 9-16-74, he, a party known to him by the name of E L and a third party known as Tasty discussed robbing Steve at Mr. C's Tavern. The conversation terminated with no definite plans made regarding this Robbery. He stated that this date, sometime before 7:00 a.m., E arrived at his home, 2433 North 6th Street and woke him. At this time he told H that they were going to rob Steve. While F was getting dressed, the party known to him as Tasty, later identified as A W , arrived at the home. Shortly thereafter all 3 left his home and walked to Mr. C's tavern at which time they found that Steve the bartender was already in the tavern and the door was locked. While there he stated that a green Chevy Nova pulled up to the curb at which time E stated, "Let's rob him." A white male then exited the automobile and L told him, "Hold it and put your hands on top of the car." At this time the man kept going and E tried to get a box away from him. They began struggling out in the middle of the roadway. The man broke loose and grabbed F H At this time F stated that he heard a shot and thought that E had fired one shot in the air to show the man that he had a gun. E then came to his assistance and fired an unknown amount of shots at the victim. The victim then let go of H and began struggling again with E L

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During this struggle L dropped the gun to the sidewalk and broke away with the box from the victim. He proceeded north to W. North Av. then west from the scene. H stated that hefollowed shortly after him and L turned and told him to get the gun. H stated that he did not return to the scene to pick up the gun but kept going west on North Av. then north on 6th Street to his home. He stated that when he arrived at his home, Lewis was already there. At this time he stated that L asked for a phone book and was calling the 007 Tavern, where he supposedly had a cousin who operated the busines. He stated that he did not hear the conversation between the two but knows that L did make a call. He further stated that at the time of the Robbery, L was wearing a big black hat with a white brim, a blue jean jacket and grey trousers. He stated that the trousers had blood stains on them when they again met at his home. He stated at this time Lewis changed clothes and was wearing a long brown leather coat, black trousers, brown apple hat, with flower design on same and his brown sandal shoes with a strap between the big toe and the next toe. He stated that he was not certain if L had taken his change of clothes along with him when he left his home. He stated that if these clothes were at the home they would be in a downstairs bedroom, in which F H sleeps. He further informed us that at the time of their meeting at the home, just after the shooting, H was wearing only one shoe. He stated that he is positive of the fact that H took the second shoe with him when he left his home. He stated that H left his home approximately 10 minutes after the actual shooting. He further informed us that he had no intention what so ever of shooting a n ybody and that their only reason for going to the tavern was to rob Steve who is the bartender at the scene. At this time we were unable to gain any additional information from the subject. He was arrested along with the party known to him as Tasty, who was later identified as A S WILLIAMS, B/M, bn , of 521 W Lloyd St. A complete description of E L , B/M, bn , of 2502 North 6th Street, was broadcast to all squads. Additional information regarding his clothing was also broadcast. Squad 124 returned to the home of F H , 2433 N. 6th Street in attempt to recover the clothing.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jackelen
Ronald Enk
Detectives - Squad 105 Days

TJ:sn 9-17-74

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Reported for: HIMSELF Address_____

Address where offense occurred: 2243 N. 5th St. Date of Offense 9-17-74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case: While processing evidence in the Detective Bureau on 9-17-74, regarding the above offense I had occasion to question an A S WI , B/M, 12, bn. of 521 W. Lloyd St. This interview took place at approximately 11:20a.m. W upon being questioned regarding the offense stated that he was present at N. 5th and W. North Ave. and that he did observe the robbery and shooting. He further stated that he did know the two individuals who had done this offense. While talking with A regarding the offense the hat, which had been recovered at 2231B N. 5th St. was shown to A and at this time A identified this hat as belonging to a E B LF , B/M, bn. , of 2502 N. 6th St., B of I #140900.

Upon further questioning of the subject, A W he related that he had gone to his friend's house, R HA , at 2500 block N. 6th St., and while there had observed F James H , B/M, bn. in accompany of Eugene B L , B/M, bn. While at F H house A stated that F and E discussed robbing Mr. C's in his presence. He stated that he observed a small dark handgun lying on the living room table and at this time, walked over, picked the gun up and looked at the gun and then laid the gun back down on the table. He states that E then picked the gun up, placed it in his pocket and he (E) and F then left the premises and walked to Mr. C's. He states as they arrived at Mr. C's, he walked across the street and stood on the southeast corner of N. 5th and W. North Ave. where he could observe the back door and the front door of Mr. C's tavern, located on 5th and North. He states that he

did not want to have anything to do with the robbery, but, was curious as to what was going to transpire at that location after he had heard the two discussing the robbery of M. C's. He stated that the two of them had determined that they were going to wait until the tavern had opened and at this time were going to go into the tavern and rob the bartender. He states while waiting for the tavern to open he observed an old whiteman drive up in a green auto and park on the west side of N. 5th St. by the rear door of Mr. C's Tavern. He states that as the old man got out of the auto he was approached by E I and F H and at this time, E L took the revolver out of his pocket and pointed the revolver at the old man and stated something to the affect, "Give me the money." At this time he states the old white man made a grab at F H , F . ducked and then was grabbed by the old white man by the shoulder. At this time, E stated to the old white man, "Let go of my partner." At this time, E then fired 3 shots at the old white man and the old white man then ran to the back door of the tavern and started pounding on the door, yelling, "Steve, Steve." At this time, E and F k then grabbed the complainant in this report and threw him to the ground and then F pulled a blue metal box from the grasp of the complainant, handed same to E and both subjects then turned and ran west on North Ave. He states that he then ran after the two youths, but, at 6th and North Ave. decided to go back to the scene to see what had happened. He states that at approximately 2 or 3 minutes later the Police arrived at the scene and he made no statement at this time of his involvement in the offense. He states that he then left the scene and proceeded to F H house, where he observed F s and E L at F house. While at F house, E L changed his clothes and then left there, destination unknown. He stated he then told F k and F e at F house that the old guy was shot and that they were both in a lot of trouble. He states that Mrs. Harris then drove him to school and at this time he was picked up at school by the police. He further states that while at the Harris' house approximately 10 to 15 minutes after E L left he received a phone call from E I stating that he was at a cousin's house on W. Fond du Lac Ave. and was wondering what had happened as far as the shooting.

A written statement was obtained from A W , regarding the aforementioned statement and his involvement in this offense. This was placed on INV #446615.

Respectfully submitted,

William Beasley
Detective Squad

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Reported for: HIMSELF Address

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case: On Tues., 9-17-74, I was dispatched to 2243 N. 5th St. to assist in the investigation of the above complaint.

Upon arrival I was directed to meet Squad 15, Patrolmen Ammerman and Stasiewski, in the 2200 block of N. 6th St. Upon talking to the two officers they related that while checking the area on foot they had discovered a black cloth hat in a red metal dumpster located at 2231B N. 6th, rear of. This hat was confiscated by them and held for identification. Also while checking the alley, a blue metal box was observed laying on a garbage can, along side of the house at 618 W. Garfield. This box was checked and found to belong to the complainant and had been taken in the above robbery and murder of this complainant. This hat and box was taken to the Detective Bureau and placed on INV #446611. The box was taken to the B of I and checked for prints by Technician Effert, Latent Case #18089 was assigned this case.

Present at the scene was Squad 296, Patrolman Trinko, who took 4 photos of the hat, the metal box and contents and the addresses where the objects were found.

Respectfully submitted,

William Beasley
Detective
Squad 123, Days

WB/cf 9-17-74

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tues., 9/17/74, while investigating the above murder, I interviewed one Dempsey COBURN, B/M, of 2320 N. 5th St., no phone. He is employed at the Baldwin Realty Company and can be reached at 873-5800. Regarding this offense, he stated that he was across the street when he observed two black men struggling with a victim, he heard some shots fired, and saw the victim fall to the ground. Both black males then ran north on 5th St. to W. North Ave., around the corner going west on W. North Ave. He states he went around the corner and looked down North Ave. but couldnot observe where they went. He describe them as #1, black male, 18 to 20, black jacket, black and white brim hat, appearing to have gray band around head, gray shirt and black trousers. #2, black male, 18 to 20, wearing a black jacket, gray shirt, gray trousers and also wearing a black hat. Mr. Coburn states that he could not identify.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Brah

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Detective, Squad 119-Days

EB: lf 9/17/74

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tues., 9/17/74, we checked the area of N. 6th and W. North Ave. and the escape route of the suspects for the murder weapon. At 11:30AM in company with Ptm. Michael Winnicki, we recovered a .22 caliber Imperial revolver, Ser.

The cylinder on this gun contained seven cartridges, four which had been discharged. The gun was recovered at 11:30AM on the north side of the house located 2234 N. 6th St. It has been placed on Inv. No. 446614 as evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Brah

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Detective, Squad 119-Days

EB:plf 9/17/74 (1:45PM)

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On Tues., 9/17/74, while investigating the above murder of Harold GROMACKI, I interviewed Steve CHERNEY, W/M, of 248 E. Keefe Ave (962-2406). He informed me that he is the licensee of Mr. C's Tavern, located at 501 W. North Ave. and has been engaged at this tavern for the past 11 years. Regarding the above offense, he stated that at approximately 7:30AM he was cleaning in the tavern when he heard what sounded to him as three or four shots outside the tavern. He ran to the side door, which would be at 2243 N. 5th St. and looked out. At this time he saw two blacks, one of which he observed closely and and knows him as frequenting in the area. However, at this time he did not know his name. He stated that he heard a pounding on the door after he observed the black males flee the scene. He opened the door and saw Harold Gromacki lying on the sidewalk. He returned into the tavern and called police. He states he did have conversation with Mr. Gromacki and asked him "are you shot Harry", to which Gromacki replied "yes". He called the police and an ambulance was sent. Regarding the black male seen standing next to the victim, he states that because of the fact he had seen him around the neighborhood before, he also knew that one of his customers knew the man's name. He called up a Mr. Harris, described the man to him, at which time Mr. Harris informed him that he believed this man's name to be E[illegible] While investigating at the scene of the murder, I was approached by an unknown black female who stated to me that the man who had done the shooting was a E[illegible] L[illegible]s. She states that she had received this information from children in the neighborhood. I then contacted the E of I and had photos made of E[illegible] L[illegible] and they were brought to the scene by Det. Erwin Pinnow. At this time, I laid numerous photos on the bar in the tavern, and Mr. Cherney after observing them picked out the photo of E[illegible] B[illegible]d LEWIS, B/M, of 2502 N. 6th St. He stated that

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this is definitely the man he saw standing next to the body of Harold Gromacki. A teletype was then broadcast of the description of the subject E L wanted for murder. Cherney stated that at the time he observed this black male he appeared to be 17 years of age, approximately 5'8, 150, dark complexed, wearing a dark jacket, wide brim dark hat with a white band.

Respectfully submitted,

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Detective, Squad 119-Days

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1974, at 7:40AM, I was dispatched to investigate a shooting at 5th and W. North Ave. Upon my arrival I was met at the scene by Squad 95R-Late, Ptm. Fred Jesko and Ronald Derge, who were protecting the scene of the shooting.

While at the scene, I made a chart of the area of this offense, and also gathered evidence, which I placed on Police Inventory. I recovered the complainant's glasses, which were lying next to his head, on the ground. These eyeglasses were placed on Inventory #446609, Item #1, and packaged and sealed same. I also recovered the complainant's white cap on the street next to his auto, along with 8 records which he was delivering to the tavern. I placed the white cap on Inventory #446609, Ite. #2, and the 8 records on the same inventory number, Item #3.

While at the scene, I also recovered a shoe laying next to where the victim was found. This shoe does not belong to the victim, and apparently was left there by one of the suspects. It is a man's, brown suede, 3-tone shoe, exactly 11½" long with blue shoe strings. I placed this on our Inventory #446612, Item #1. This was also packaged and sealed as evidence.

City Engineer Michael Prueschl came to the scene and diagramed the entire crime scene. He will forward a copy of his crim chart to our Department when it is finished. Squad 14-Days, Ptm. Lodde and Bowman, were also at the scene and will stay with the victim's 1973 green Oldsmobile, parked in front of 2243 N. 5th St., until relatives of the victim come to recover this auto. It will be placed on Inventory and they will sign a receipt for same. Three Polaroid photos were taken of the suspect's shoe, described above, which was left at the scene of the crime. Investigation is pending. Sgd # 297. Ptm. Henry Wegwinski T.D. Took 16 photos of Scene

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Respectfully submitted,

Det. Thomas Bentz

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Detective Squad 118-Days

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On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1974, at 8:30AM, I interviewed a Willie HARRIS, B/M, who lives across the street from the shooting scene at 2236 N. 5th St., (562-3171). He related the following story regarding this offense. He stated that at about 7:30AM, date, he was in the kitchen of his home, when he heard what he thought was one shot being fired in front of his home. He then walked to the living room of his home, and on the way, he heard two more shots. When he looked out of the front window, he observed two black males bending over the body of a white male, who was laying on the sidewalk next to the side door of Mr. C's Tavern. He stated that it appeared that they were attempting to turn the body over. Mr. HARRIS stated that he watched this for about a minute and then watched both suspects get up and run north on 5th St., and west on W. North Ave., on the south side of the street. He stated that he has seen both suspects in this neighborhood on numerous, previous occasions; that they are always loitering around the corner of the tavern. Mr. HARRIS furnished the following description of the suspects: 2 black males, 14 to 17 years, 5'4" in height, one was wearing dark clothing and had a large black hat with a white brim. The other suspect had dark clothing and short, kinky black hair. He stated that he believes that he can identify the suspects because he has seen them on numerous, previous occasions, in the area. Investigation is pending.

Respectfully submitted,

Det. Thomas Bentz

Thomas Bentz
Detective Squad 118-Days

TB/mb 9-17-74
11:55AM

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case: At approximately 8:45a.m., this date, we left the County General Hospital, where the deceased had been pronounced dead by Dr. After notification of the next of kin, Mrs. Eugenia GROMACKI, of the death of her husband we drove to the County Morgue and there awaited the body of the deceased. While waiting for the body of the deceased a phone call was placed to a James JACOBI, W/M, bn. of 3277 N. Bremen, phone Mr. Jacobi is the son-in-law of the deceased and after hearing of the demise of his father-in-law called our department in order to obtain information regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of his father-in-law. I asked Mr. Jacobi if it would be possible for someone to come to the Milwaukee County Morgue and make identification of the body. He stated that he would do this. I then gave him the directions as to how to get to the County Morgue and he stated he would be there shortly.

At approximately 9:35a.m., the autopsy on the body of the deceased was started by Dr. His observations of the body indicated that the deceased evidently had been engaged in a fight prior to his death, as was evidenced by the presence of abraisons to his left hand, bruises to his left upper inner arm, abraisons to the left knee and a laceration to the right elbow. The doctor then performed the autopsy on the deceased and at approximately 10:32a.m., this date, Mr. Jacobi, along with a brother-in-law of the deceased, Stephen BURACZEWSKI, W/M, bn. of 4601 W. Durnwood Rd., phone appeared at the County Morgue. There they made identification of the victim.

At this time, I interviewed Mr. Jacobi and Buraxzewski as to the habits of the deceased, whether or not he was known

to carry a gun with him while making his rounds when he serviced the machines and equipment that he had in various taverns in the Inner Core. Both stated that at no time did the deceased ever carry a gun and does not even own a gun. Mr. Jacobi stated that he did know that the deceased always carried a grey metal beat up box, with a window handle bolted to the cover, in which he would place his money after he made his pick ups at the various taverns where he was servicing his equipment. He estimated this box to be approximately 4" high, 12" long by 8" wide. He also indicated that if anyone would attempt to rob him or hold him up he would put up a fight.

At this time, the wallet of the deceased and his personal belongings, which included $2.00 in currency, which was in the wallet, 2 50¢ pieces and one quarter, which were in his right shirt pocket and two dimes, which were found in his left pants pocket were turned over to Mr. Jacobi. At the time of the deceased's death he was wearing a red and black checked shirt, a white T-shirt, jockey shorts, brown trousers, with a brown belt, brown shoes and brown socks. Mr. Jacobi and Mr. Buraczewski then left and stated that they would try to obtain additional information as to his habits, where he started his route and the approximately time he left his home on this date.

The autopsy continued and at approximately 10:45a.m., Dr. [redacted] removed a lead slug, 9.5 mm long by 5 mm in diameter from the back side, right chest, beneath the skin. He then put the mark G and underlined it on the base of this slug, placed it in a box, sealed it and marked it #1 and gave it Case #1908 on same. He stated that this bullet is the one that caused the death of the deceased after it entered the upper left chest, proceeded in a downward and rightward angle, puncturing both lungs, the esophagus and the heart. He then attempted to locate the other bullet, which had entered in the lower throat area. After unsuccessful attempts he had the body removed from the morgue, transferred to County General Hosptial and X-rayed. During the time he stopped the autopsy and asked me to return at 1:30p.m., when he would resume.

At 1;50p.m., the autopsy resumed. At this time, the Dr. [redacted] had an X-ray, which indicated that the remaining slug was in the throat area below the chin. At 2:07p.m., the second bullet was located in the neck. It was then removed and marked on the base with an H and a slash behind it. He measured this slug and it measured 19.5 mm long and 5 mm in

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diameter. This also was placed in a box, sealed and marked by Dr. and marked as #2 and the Case #1908 placed on same. The clothing worn by the deceased was also marked and tagged by Dr. placed in a bag and given to me along with the bullets. The clothing, papers and notes from the pockets of the clothing worn by the deceased were placed on Milwaukee Police INV #446618. The bullets were placed on Milwaukee Police Property INV #446619.

I then contacted Mr. Jacobi onee again and learned from him that his father-in-law, the victim, left his home at approximately 7:20a.m., this date, which would indicate that the stop on 5th and North Ave. was his first stop for the day. He also told me that when he left the metal box he was carrying was always empty and that the first money that would be placed in there would come from the first stop that he made and serviced. It is evident that the complainant had only the money found on his person at the time of his death with him when he was murdered.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Paulos
Detective
Squad III, Days

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1974, at 8:00AM, we were dispatched to investigate at the Milwaukee County General Hospital, a report of a shooting victim conveyed there from N. 5 St. and W. North Ave. At the hospital, we interviewed the Officers from Squad 57A, Ptm. Hanson and Meyer, who informed us that they had conveyed a white male from 2243 N. 5th St., victim of a shooting, found at that location. Said victim was identified as being a Mr. Harold Arthur GROMACKI, W/M, 58 years, , of 6975 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy. The victim sustained two gunshot wounds to his body: one, to the upper left chest area, and a second, to the center of his lower neck. The entrance wounds of both, seemed dissimilar: the gunshot wound to the lower part of the neck seemed to have been made by a larger caliber weapon than that made to the upper left chest area. The latter, was apparently inflicted by a .22 or .25 cal. round. The victim was pronounced DOE at Milwaukee County General Hospital at 8:01AM, this date, by Dr. , at the hospital. The victim was then conveyed to the Milwaukee County Morgue by Squad 57A and all clothing and personal belongings found on the victim are in the possession of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office.

Investigation at the scene and information received from witnesses, revealed the following. Mr. Harold GROMACKI is a self-employed operator of the H & C Amusement Company, and services juke boxes and pool tables at various tavern throughout the city. From investigation, it appears that Mr. GROMACKI was en route to service the juke box and pool tables at Mr. C's Tavern, located at 501 W. North Ave., this date. He parked his auto in the 2200 block of N. 5th St. As he was getting out of his automobile, apparently two unknown Negro males approached him, attempted to hold him up. There was a scuffle in the

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roadway. Some of Mr. GROMACKI's clothing, a hat and some juke box records he was carrying, fell to the ground; during the scuffle, witnesses report hearing 3 to 4 gunshots. Various people exited their homes and the tavern, whereupon they discovered the victim lying between the sidewalk and curb area at 2243 N. 5th St. This is almost in front of the side door entrance to Mr. C's Tavern, at 501 W. North Ave. Investigating Officers canvassing the area found discarded clothing similar to that of one of the suspects fleeing the scene: a large-brimmed black hat with a white band and also a toolbox belonging to the victim, also discarded in the alley, in the 2200 block between N. 6th St. and N. 7th St. Other investigating Officers at the scene will file reports regarding interviews with witnesses and evidence gathered at this location.

Respectfully submitted,

James Koepke
Douglas Paulos
Detectives Squad III-Days

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OFFENSE MURDER

Date Offense Reported 9/17/74

Reported by: GROMACKI, Harold A.

Address 6975 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy.

Reported for: Himself

Address

Address where offense occurred: 2245 N. 5th St.

Date of Offense 9/17/74

Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

On Tues., 9/17/74, cotton swabs were taken on the hands of the three suspects arrested in this offense. They were inventoried under the following numbers: That of A[illegible] WI[illegible]MS, Inv. No. 446622, Eugene LEWIS, Inv. No. 446623, and Frank HARRIS, Inv. No. 446624. These items were taken to the Federal Building, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Division to be checked for nitrate particles. A report will be submitted by them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Jackelen - Ronald Enk

Detectives, Squad 105-Days

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